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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2 (IMPDET)  
TAGS: MASS, TS  
SUBJ: TUNISIAN DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS

1. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE OUR AIRGRAM A-133 OF OCTOBER 19. THIS AIRGRAM, PREPARED BY CHIEF USLOT, DRAWS TOGETHER INTO ONE DOCUMENT ALL THAT WE KNOW HERE ABOUT TUNISIAN DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, PLANS AND THIRD COUNTRY PROCUREMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS AIRGRAM CAN SERVE AS A BASIC REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR ANY OFFICE IN WASHINGTON CONCERNED WITH TUNISIAN DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE IT AS COMPREHENSIVE AND CLEAR AS POSSIBLE, BUT WHERE CONFUSION OR UNCERTAINTY EXISTS IN REALITY IT WILL BE FOUND REFLECTED IN THE AIRGRAM.

2. CHARTS ENCLOSED WITH THIS AIRGRAM INCLUDE PROJECTED THIRD COUNTRY ACQUISITION, UTILIZATION OF FMS CREDITS, ESTIMATED FMS DRAWDOWN, ESTIMATED TUNISIAN DEFENSE BUDGETS, TRAINING PLANS AND EUCOM TRAINING POSSIBILITIES IN TUNISIA.

3. WE EXPECT PERIODICALLY TO BRING THIS DOCUMENT UP TO DATE AS CONDITIONS CHANGE, AND WE WILL BE REFERRING TO IT IN THE FUTURE IN REGARD TO SPECIFIC PLANNED ACQUISITIONS BY TUNISIA IN EITHER THE US OR A THIRD COUNTRY.

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